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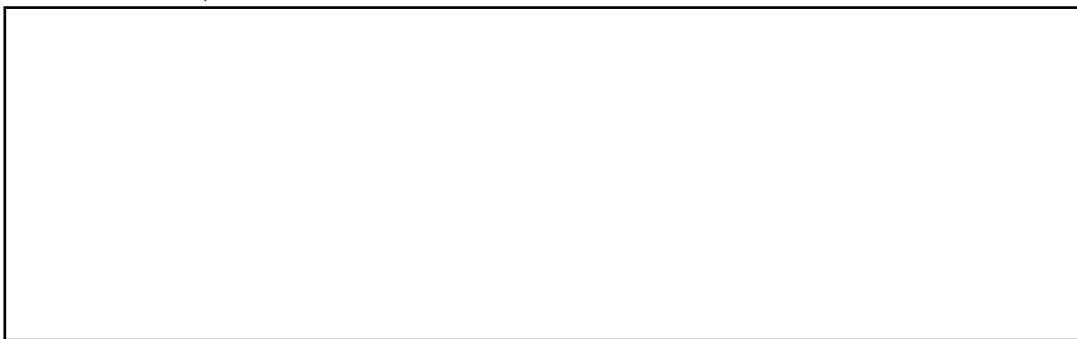


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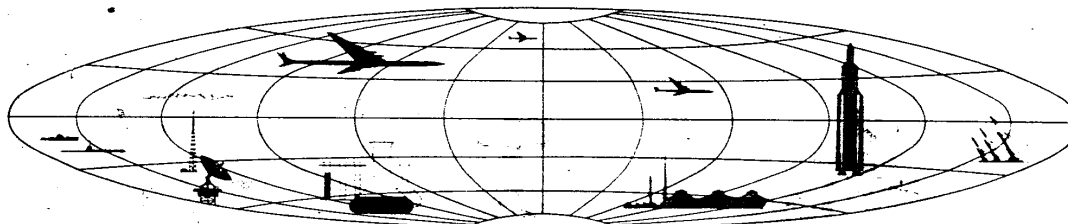


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PREFACE

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In the interest of uniformity, the titles and letter designators for the facilities observed at these installations are identical with those appearing in the project requirement. When a specific facility is not observed both its title and letter designator are omitted in the report.

Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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TANK FIRING RANGES

(40-43N 046-10E)

KIROVABAD, AZERBAYDZHANSKAYA SSR, USSR

TRANSCAUCASUS MD

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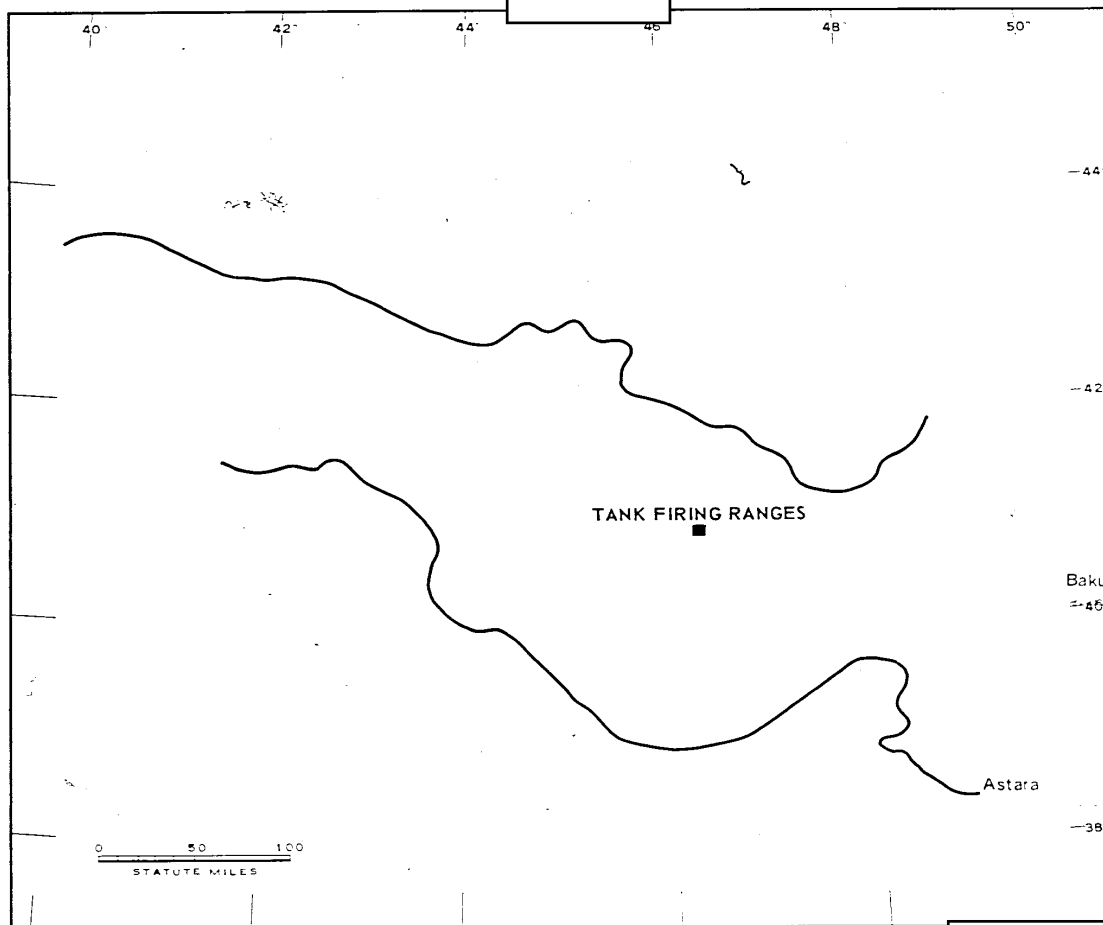


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF TANK FIRING RANGES.

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FIGURE 2. TANK FIRING RANGES, KIROVABAD, USSR,

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SUMMARY

Two adjacent tank firing ranges are located 17 kilometers (km) west-northwest of the center of Kirovabad. The 2 ranges occupy approximately 125 acres and contain a total of 6 firing lanes and 5 moving-target runs. Four areas containing a total of approximately 200 tent bases are visible along the northeast edge of the ranges. Three range support

buildings are also present in the area. Although probably active, the two range areas did not appear to be in use on [REDACTED]

The moving target ranges and surrounding area have been covered by [REDACTED] missions. No significant changes were apparent between [REDACTED]

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

The Kirovabad-Akstafa double-track rail line passes approximately 5 miles northeast of the firing ranges; however, no off-loading facilities are discernible in the area.

Road Service

The installation is served by a probably 2-lane, crushed rock/gravel road which connects to the Kirovabad-Shamkhor asphalt road just to the north.

Administrative and Troop Housing Area

Area D contains 200 tent bases.

Other Buildings

Three range support buildings are associated with the 2 ranges.

Tank/Assault Gun Firing Ranges

Range N1 is approximately 6,500 feet long and contains 3 approximately 3,500-foot lanes and 3 moving-target runs.

Range N2 is approximately 3,800 feet long and contains 3 approximately 2,200-foot lanes and 2 moving-target runs.

The ranges appeared inactive on Missions [REDACTED]

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